

North Carolina College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment Assessment Brief



Purpose of the Assessment

The North Carolina College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment (CCRAA) was designed in response to House Bill 587 passed by the North Carolina General Assembly during the 2013 Session. House Bill 587 requires the administration of an alternate assessment to the PreACT and ACT for students who exhibit severe and pervasive delays in all areas of conceptual, linguistic, and academic development as well as in adaptive behaviors, including communication, daily living skills, and self-care, and who are following a course of study that, upon completion of high school, may not lead to admission into a college-level course of study resulting in a college degree.

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) offers two versions of the CCRAA. The CCRAA at grade 10 is the alternate assessment to the PreACT and is taken in the tenth grade. The CCRAA at grade 11 is the alternate assessment to the ACT and is taken in the eleventh grade.

Eligible Students

The decision to assess a student on the CCRAA must be made as part of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process. To determine student participation in the CCRAA, the eligibility requirements may be found at <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/testing-and-school-accountability/state-tests/alternate-assessments>.

Testing Format

The CCRAAs at grades 10 and 11 are available in both paper-and-pencil and online formats.

Testing Windows

Grade 10 testing window. The testing window (including makeups) for the CCRAA at grade 10 is October 12, 2020 through May 14, 2021.

Grade 11 testing window. The testing window for the CCRAA at grade 11 is February 23–26, 2021 and March 1–5, 2021. The makeup window for CCRAA at grade 11 is March 9–12, 2021 and March 15–19, 2021.

Administration Time and Number of Assessment Questions

The administration time for the CCRAA at grade 10 and grade 11 is 150 minutes. No administration may exceed 150 minutes (except for students with documented special needs requiring accommodations, such as *Scheduled Extended Time*). The administration time does not include time for general instructions and breaks. The assessments must be administered in one school day (except for students with documented special needs requiring accommodations, such as *Multiple Testing Sessions*).

The assessments are administered in a specific order (i.e., English first, followed by math, reading, and science.)

Refer to the following chart for assessment administration times and numbers of questions for the CCRAAs:

Activity	Time (Minutes)	Subject Areas	Grade 10 Number of Questions	Grade 11 Number of Questions
Administration Time	150	English	14 Multiple-choice	13 Multiple-choice
		Math	12 Multiple-choice	12 Multiple-choice
		Reading	6 Multiple-choice	9 Multiple-choice
		Science	11 Multiple-choice	10 Multiple-choice
2 Three-Minute Breaks	6			
General Instructions	12			
Totals	168		43	44

Scoring and Reporting

Students at grades 10 and 11 receive a single score based on how many test questions they answer correctly on the CCRAA. Per G.S. §115C-174.11(c)(4)(b), the “alternate assessment results of students with disabilities shall be included in school accountability reports, including charter and regional schools, provided by the State Board of Education.”

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